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REPORT ON WELL COMPLETIONS IN THE UNITED STATES[1]

Wells actually completed in the current month may not be reported until several months later. The chart shown below illustrates the cumulative number of well completions for the current month and each of the eleven prior months, as now reported to the API. For comparison purposes, a corresponding curve describes the data, as then reported to the API, for the same twelve-month period a year ago.

These data are preliminary and subject to revision. The number of wells shown in the chart excludes stratigraphic and core tests and service wells. The geographic distribution for wells and footage is not published on a monthly basis, but is available from the API's "Quarterly Completion Report."

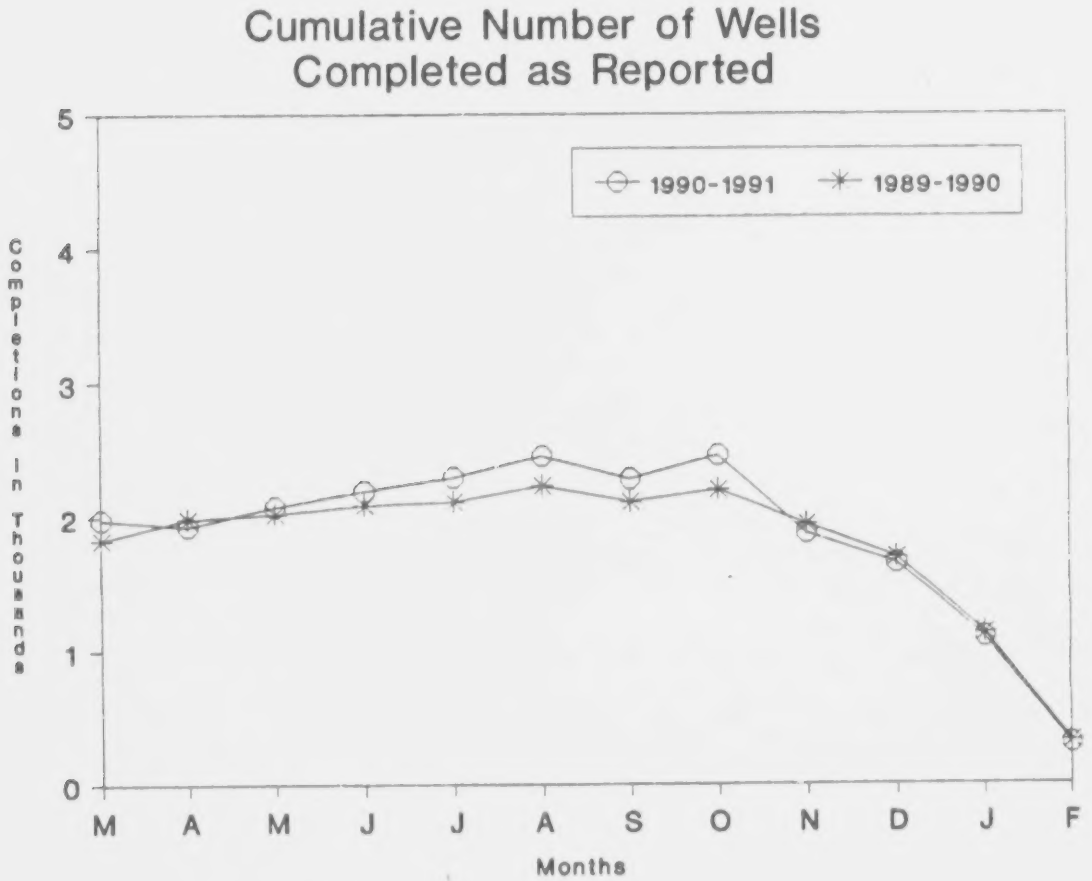

TABLE I: CUMULATIVE NUMBER OF TOTAL WELLS AND FOOTAGE DRILLED IN THE UNITED STATES BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR, AS OF FEBRUARY 22, 1991[1]

	OIL WELLS[2]		GAS WELLS[3]		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS & DRY HOLES		TOTAL ALL WELLS[4]	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1991	591	3,312,821	273	1,416,228	528	2,978,579	1,392	7,707,628	1,410	7,769,084
1991: FEB	99	545,201	22	107,928	177	934,767	298	1,587,896	300	1,591,931
JAN	492	2,767,620	251	1,308,300	351	2,043,812	1,094	6,119,732	1,110	6,177,153
TOTAL 1990	9,908	46,524,535	8,389	43,564,283	7,233	38,519,630	25,530	128,608,448	26,049	130,267,169
1990: DEC	605	3,282,953	517	2,742,572	524	2,855,931	1,646	8,881,456	1,660	8,930,020
NOV	692	3,477,006	529	2,797,436	647	3,122,450	1,868	9,396,892	1,897	9,536,977
OCT	938	4,356,699	838	4,024,710	675	3,499,827	2,451	11,881,236	2,475	11,971,470
SEP	882	3,922,327	773	3,862,345	617	3,294,492	2,272	11,079,164	2,306	11,183,033
AUG	960	4,164,970	830	3,840,336	654	3,273,079	2,444	11,278,385	2,485	11,398,609
JUL	848	3,863,111	804	3,946,139	637	3,319,599	2,289	11,128,849	2,333	11,253,510
JUN	816	3,776,753	752	3,631,311	622	3,256,582	2,190	10,664,646	2,254	10,845,856
MAY	805	3,896,905	697	3,621,790	570	3,049,720	2,072	10,568,415	2,129	10,714,130
APR	773	3,637,718	584	3,233,898	570	3,264,300	1,927	10,135,916	1,974	10,273,872
MAR	826	3,915,646	618	3,626,444	536	2,865,866	1,980	10,407,956	2,032	10,581,657
FEB	808	3,700,076	663	3,846,914	502	2,875,780	1,973	10,422,770	2,020	10,591,652
JAN	955	4,530,371	784	4,390,388	679	3,842,004	2,418	12,762,763	2,484	12,986,383
TOTAL 1989	10,025	42,218,971	8,781	45,617,179	8,128	41,628,057	26,934	129,464,207	27,551	131,598,508
1989: DEC	913	3,962,719	789	4,428,183	737	3,988,805	2,439	12,379,707	2,488	12,531,692
NOV	906	3,826,569	800	4,201,391	729	3,796,359	2,435	11,824,319	2,504	12,067,865
OCT	916	3,900,615	835	4,161,027	805	3,973,264	2,556	12,034,906	2,607	12,232,537
SEP	820	3,573,121	809	3,997,838	729	3,764,978	2,358	11,335,937	2,389	11,455,879
AUG	954	3,658,834	831	4,232,905	710	3,621,604	2,495	11,513,343	2,580	11,750,695
JUL	857	3,358,479	759	3,833,117	691	3,433,625	2,307	10,625,221	2,361	10,825,329
JUN	822	3,580,313	709	3,416,489	685	3,442,571	2,216	10,439,373	2,256	10,570,466
MAY	869	3,535,837	613	3,179,315	659	3,183,279	2,141	9,898,431	2,186	10,042,214
APR	877	3,475,565	595	3,200,561	653	3,373,416	2,125	10,049,542	2,168	10,206,614
MAR	686	2,981,591	649	3,487,462	608	3,047,622	1,943	9,516,675	1,999	9,737,469
FEB	584	2,629,969	629	3,487,115	463	2,535,879	1,676	8,652,963	1,708	8,790,854
JAN	821	3,735,359	763	3,991,776	659	3,466,655	2,243	11,193,790	2,305	11,386,894
TOTAL 1988	13,299	57,164,057	8,264	43,873,470	9,995	52,034,955	31,558	153,072,482	32,513	156,021,677
TOTAL 1987	16,216	65,513,149	7,821	41,440,993	11,349	54,468,058	35,386	161,422,200	36,282	164,138,700

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TABLE II: CUMULATIVE NUMBER OF EXPLORATORY WELLS AND FOOTAGE DRILLED IN THE UNITED STATES BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR, AS OF FEBRUARY 22, 1991[1]

	OIL WELLS[2]		GAS WELLS[3]		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS & DRY HOLES	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1991	30	163,562	16	106,284	253	1,484,526	299	1,754,372
1991: FEB	4	22,096	1	7,071	86	469,707	91	498,874
JAN	26	141,466	15	99,213	167	1,014,819	208	1,255,498
TOTAL 1990	577	3,907,337	489	3,407,165	3,420	19,751,746	4,486	27,066,248
1990: DEC	31	252,672	24	137,110	263	1,423,501	318	1,813,283
NOV	38	250,717	22	169,669	286	1,542,075	346	1,962,461
OCT	53	297,125	42	282,764	317	1,836,250	412	2,416,139
SEP	49	317,794	35	256,365	285	1,586,850	369	2,161,009
AUG	69	438,881	51	351,764	283	1,602,736	403	2,393,381
JUL	51	365,806	50	335,648	317	1,733,837	418	2,435,291
JUN	55	403,895	45	323,952	297	1,671,205	397	2,399,052
MAY	42	270,159	40	299,834	252	1,525,996	334	2,095,989
APR	55	375,253	47	330,171	278	1,756,743	380	2,462,167
MAR	49	353,443	42	304,812	252	1,449,972	343	2,108,227
FEB	36	243,434	42	302,316	235	1,495,084	313	2,040,834
JAN	49	338,158	49	312,760	355	2,127,497	453	2,778,415
TOTAL 1989	594	3,525,673	667	4,286,193	3,923	21,514,236	5,184	29,326,102
1989: DEC	48	304,600	60	371,693	375	2,031,597	483	2,707,890
NOV	48	286,562	58	343,051	368	2,116,615	474	2,746,228
OCT	37	214,835	52	306,243	393	2,142,428	482	2,663,506
SEP	69	393,060	56	314,837	350	1,959,903	475	2,667,800
AUG	56	285,285	60	432,135	323	1,862,387	439	2,579,807
JUL	50	301,847	51	356,373	320	1,865,472	421	2,523,692
JUN	44	250,093	59	366,785	322	1,652,787	425	2,269,665
MAY	40	266,642	48	323,046	318	1,625,322	406	2,215,010
APR	63	370,697	52	306,234	287	1,553,042	402	2,229,973
MAR	51	342,532	51	341,402	298	1,520,507	400	2,204,441
FEB	42	249,289	53	370,830	238	1,379,598	333	1,999,717
JAN	46	260,231	67	453,564	331	1,804,578	444	2,518,373
TOTAL 1988	810	4,918,346	694	4,690,370	4,743	26,862,449	6,247	36,471,165
TOTAL 1987	896	5,304,209	695	4,599,638	5,204	27,293,011	6,796	37,196,858

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TABLE III: TOTAL NUMBER OF WELLS AND FOOTAGE ADDITIONS[1] BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR REPORTED TO THE API DURING FEBRUARY 1991

	OIL WELLS[2]		GAS WELLS[3]		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS AND DRY HOLES		TOTAL WELLS REPORTED[4] CURRENT MONTH	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1991	473	2,723,105	229	1,169,062	356	2,030,308	1,058	5,922,475	1,073	5,976,769
1991: FEB	99	545,201	22	107,928	177	934,767	298	1,587,896	300	1,591,931
JAN	374	2,177,904	207	1,061,134	179	1,095,541	760	4,334,579	773	4,384,838
TOTAL 1990	523	2,410,339	476	2,370,407	253	1,539,799	1,252	6,320,545	1,286	6,397,986
1990: DEC	205	1,086,595	239	1,210,561	95	623,507	539	2,920,663	543	2,936,054
NOV	105	533,629	87	441,950	64	344,234	256	1,319,813	261	1,341,153
OCT	80	324,631	59	272,524	37	222,558	176	819,713	178	823,603
SEP	56	206,716	26	129,471	18	98,680	100	434,867	102	443,528
AUG	25	95,259	20	88,647	13	86,764	58	270,670	63	281,515
JUL	17	55,217	13	68,651	10	65,741	40	189,609	48	197,329
JUN	13	47,564	10	53,706	6	22,480	29	123,750	34	130,164
MAY	5	17,428	6	24,468	2	16,908	13	58,804	15	59,984
APR	5	7,815	3	19,444	0	0	8	27,259	8	27,259
MAR	3	6,262	2	13,170	2	10,921	7	30,353	8	32,353
FEB	8	28,323	7	30,436	4	27,052	19	85,811	19	85,811
JAN	1	900	4	17,379	2	20,954	7	39,233	7	39,233
TOTAL 1989	24	84,078	21	159,432	25	77,993	70	321,503	70	321,503
1989: DEC	2	11,478	5	47,019	2	4,444	9	62,941	9	62,941
NOV	6	20,998	6	40,360	3	3,998	15	65,356	15	65,356
OCT	3	9,235	0	0	4	20,229	7	29,464	7	29,464
SEP	5	19,145	3	34,289	4	18,857	12	72,291	12	72,291
AUG	3	6,220	0	0	3	6,057	6	12,277	6	12,277
JUL	4	9,302	0	0	3	10,100	7	19,402	7	19,402
JUN	0	0	2	17,888	3	2,511	5	20,399	5	20,399
MAY	0	0	1	7,895	2	9,967	3	17,862	3	17,862
APR	0	0	2	7,705	0	0	2	7,705	2	7,705
MAR	1	7,700	1	1,830	1	1,830	3	11,360	3	11,360
FEB	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
JAN	0	0	1	2,446	0	0	1	2,446	1	2,446
TOTAL 1988	6	19,319	7	20,285	6	10,316	19	49,920	20	58,236
YRS PRIOR TO 1988	33	87,320	4	7,896	14	84,761	51	179,977	55	185,730
TOTAL WELLS REPORTED[5]	1,059	5,324,161	737	3,727,082	654	3,743,177	2,450	12,794,420	2,504	12,940,224

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TABLE I AND TABLE II:

1. The cumulative number of wells reported in this table is the total number of wells included in the API database for each of the months and years shown, as of February 22, 1991. These data are preliminary and subject to further revisions.

2. Includes multiple completion wells which produce oil from at least one zone, but may produce gas from one or more zones. A multiple completion well is counted as one well.

3. Includes multiple completion wells which produce gas from all zones. A multiple completion well is counted as one well. Gas wells also include so-called condensate wells.

4. Includes stratigraphic and core tests and service wells. (Not applicable to Table II.)

TABLE III:

1. Total number of wells received by the API during the report month and classified by completion month and year. These wells are included in Tables I and II.

2. See footnote (2) above.

3. See footnote (3) above.

4. Includes stratigraphic and core tests and service wells.

5. Total wells reported are those received by the API for the report period January 26, 1991 through February 22, 1991. The sub-totals shown for each yearly period may not add up to the total wells reported for the period. Some wells, received during the report period, may have been completed in years prior to those shown in Table III.